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The Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge
U.S. District Court or the District of Maryland
U.S. Courthouse
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

RE: *American Sugar Refining Co., Inc. v. M/V ALIANA PRINCESS;*
Civil Action Number: CCB-03-CV-329

Dear Judge Blake:

In accordance with the Court's paperless order of May 19, 2004, we submit the third sixty-day status report in this case.

The scheduled meeting between counsel for August 25, 2004, was rescheduled for September 15, 2004. On that date, counsel met and discussed certain outstanding issues concerning damages. The next day, Defendant's counsel provided Plaintiff's counsel with some follow-up questions.

Plaintiff is in the process of responding to these follow-up questions and hopes to have the requested information shortly.

We would continue to request the Court's patience, as the parties are narrowing the issues with the mutual understanding that the case should settle once Defendant's counsel has received the additional information requested.

We will update the Court as to status on December 28, 2004.

Very truly yours,

James D. Skeen

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